

Catering to kids at the Woodland boys and girls club

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The Woodland Boys & Girls Club in Neopit has been in existence since 1998. The purpose behind the non-profit organization of Boys & Girls Clubs is to provide a safe, sound and nurturing environment for youth at risk.

Members, who have paid their yearly \$2.00 membership fee, take full advantage of the Club when the doors open each day! During the Summer months the hours for the Club are: Monday through Friday, 12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 9:00 p.m. Saturday the Club is open 12:00 p.m. (Noon) to 8:00 p.m.

Beginning in July, "Catering to Kids," a new venture which focuses on parent involvement began. Invitations went out to the parents of children who regularly use the Woodland Boys and Girls Club of Neopit. Twenty-three of the twenty-seven families responded affirmatively to become more involved in their child/ren's activities. Through the "Catering to Kids" venture, parent/s will reap the benefits of having spent quality time with their child/ren.

Parent involvement began with orientation meetings held on July 3 and July 8. During the next three months, and with the help of the Boys and Girls Club, parents will receive one-hour education sessions involving health, social, educational and behavioral problems.

Parents must commit to spend two hours a month with their child/ren in the Club or at any other activity their child/ren are involved in.

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Wisconsin's first Poker Room...Let the games begin!



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Poker Dealer, Kendall M. Crowe begins "Texas Hold 'Em" with a table full of poker playing customers. Within twelve minutes of playing the game had its' first winner! Menominee Casino's Table Games Manager, Lil Duquaine says customers can reserve a place at the tables by calling in two hours ahead to: (715) 799-3600 ext. 5274. Lil Duquaine said, "There are 24 seats so customers will be seated according to reservations." Play begins at 10 a.m. each morning and will continue as long as there are players.

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Boldly leading the way, the Menominee Casino-Bing-Hotel proudly opened Wisconsin's first poker room at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 24, 2003. This occasion should come as no surprise, historically, the Menominee Indian Tribe's mode of operation has been to lead the way in new ventures.

The Casino's new poker room has three tables. Opening night, the two end tables were comfortably

outfitted to accommodate 7 players for "7-Card Stud." Posted signs read; \$2-\$10 limit; \$1-Ante; \$2-Low Card and \$50-Min. Buy-In. The Poker Room's middle table was ready for "Texas Hold 'Em" and filled up with 10 players immediately. "Texas Hold 'Em" players had \$5 & \$10 limits; \$2 & \$5-Blinds and \$50 Min.-Buy In. Just twelve minutes in to the game, "Texas Hold 'Em" had its' first winner! As games were completed, players were free to move to another table-kind of like musical chairs.

As eager players waited for an opportunity to join the card games one customer could be overheard saying, "They should have six tables." Interesting to note, women players in the first hour were in the minority. There were thirteen men to two women in the initial games. As the evening progressed more women joined in.

The champagne was flowing, drinks were being ordered and served by Casino cocktail server, Rose Cantrell, and cake was nearby to be cut and eaten.

"Is it okay to smoke?" was raised as the games got underway and management replied, "Yes, you can smoke."

When asked how a person would go about reserving a chair, Lil Duquaine, Menominee Casino's Table Games Manager, replied, "If a customer would like to get in on a specific game, they can reserve a seat by calling the Casino 2 hours ahead at (715)799-3600 ext. 5274.

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